SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 465 By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to designate the week of February 15-21, 1998, as "Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, throughout the course of our national history, America and its culture have evolved and benefited with countless contributions from a variety of people hailing from a wide diversity of cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, significant contributions have been and continue to be made to the nation and its culture by its African American citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the education and personal development of African American youth, as well as all Tennessee youth, that special focus and awareness be given to the vast cultural contributions of African Americans in the performing arts, literature, science, economics, government, religion, and other disciplines; and

WHEREAS, every February, this great nation recognizes the tremendous cultural and historical contributions African American citizens have made to this country by celebrating "Black History Month"; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Black History Month, the Two Rivers Middle School has designated the week of February 15-21, 1998, as "Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week"; and

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week focuses on multicultural awareness and teaches people to cooperate with one another and to take pride in their heritage; and

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WHEREAS, in observance of Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week, students have been actively involved in writing poems and short stories, an essay contest, an art contest, decorating the hallways and homeroom doors and performing random acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize this week as "Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week" in Tennessee, which serves to educate all Tennesseans in African American culture and history and the vast contributions African Americans have made to this great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the week of February 15-21, 1998, as "Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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